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## ALL IS LIVELY— WATER FRONT

The good mackerel news from the south has resulted in a great deal of activity along the water front and many of the vessels which have been tied up at the wharves are now being fitted out for seining.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs, the veteran, will again go in search of the blue beauties. He will take sch. Pythian south seining. The Pythian is having a 36 horse power Lathrop engine installed.

Capt. Wallace Walker who was to have had the Pythian, will now fit sch. Fannie A. Smith for south seining. Both these vessels are owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Capt. Freeman Decker has given up sch. Imperator and Capt. Wesley Farmer will start to fit her at once for south seining the Imperator is owned by F. L. Davis.

Capt. George Hamor is ready to sail for the south in the auxiliary sch. Corsair. He will probably get away tomorrow. This vessel is also owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Capt. Daniel Grady will start to fit sch. Pinta the first of the week for south seining from Chisholm's.

All these skippers are in a hurry to get to the south so that the wharves where they are fitting out are very busy.

Capt. Alden Geel arrived here yesterday from Yarmouth and will start to fit sch. Tattler for dory handlining the first of the week.

Capt. Louis Soares is fitting sch. Gov. Russell for a dory handlining trip.

Capt. George Bangy sailed this morning in sch. Tacoma on a single dory trip to the eastward.

## HERRING STRIKE AT MAGDALENS

Amherst Harbor, April 28.—Loose ice moving away all the time, part of Pleasant Bay still frozen, some herring reported south of Amherst Island and South Beach.

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### Fish Fares at Yarmouth.

The fishing schooners have again got into the work. Several good fares have been landed this week at Yarmouth by the schs. Nelson A., Eddie James, Curlew and Myrtle L. The Morning Star also in had 4000 halibut and 18,000 shack. The fares sold here were bought by the Consumers Fish Company, and the Yarmouth Trading Company.

## SIGHTED ICE OFF SCATTERIE

### Sch. Corona Home From Quero With Halibut—Sch. Priscilla Smith Also In.

This morning's arrivals here are sch. Corona, Capt. Wallace Parsons, from halibuting and sch. Priscilla Smith from haddocking.

Capt. Parsons fished on Quero, but during the first part of his trip found the weather bad and fish scarce. Lots of ice was sighted to the southeast of Scatterie for a distance of 15 miles off Canso. During the latter part of the voyage, Capt. Parsons found some fish, but the bait was poor and the vessel was headed for home. She brought 10,000 pounds fresh halibut and 8000 pounds salt cod.

Sch. Priscilla Smith has 100,000 pounds fresh fish, but laid in the outer harbor this morning. Her skipper was thinking of taking his fish to Boston for Monday's market.

Three fresh fares came down from Boston yesterday to split and were taken by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. Yesterday's catch of the gill netters was light, only a few of the boats being out.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Corona, Quero Bank, 10,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 8000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Brown's Bank, 100,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jeanette, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, via Boston, 13,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, via Boston, 90,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Rex, via Portland.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphin, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges handlining.

Sch. Claudia, Georges handlining.

Sch. Lillian, Cape North shacking.

Sch. Georgianna, halibuting.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, Cape Porpoise.

British sch. E. M. Zellers, Lunenburg.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Bohemia, Athlete, Annie M. Parker, Ingomar and Squanto arrived at Canso, Wednesday and cleared for fishing.

### Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Corona sold to the New England Halibut company for 12 cents for white and 9 1-2 for gray.

## TAME ENDING OF FISH WEEK

### New Fish Pier Has But Three Little Shore Fares Today.

Three small shore fares with 15,000 pounds looked mighty small at the new fish pier, but that was all that came in the way of the new arrivals since yesterday.

Trading was dull as it always happens on Saturday, wholesalers quoting \$2.60 a hundred for haddock, \$2.80 for large and \$1.75 for market cod, \$1 for hake, \$1.85 for pollock and \$1.50 for cusk.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Georgianna, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 7600 cod.

Sch. Minnie, 1400 cod.

Haddock \$2.60 per cwt.; large cod \$2.80; market cod \$1.75 hake \$1 to \$2 pollock \$1.85; cusk \$1.50.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.00.

Hake, \$1.15.

Pollock, \$1.75.

#### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.10.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Fresh halibut, 13c per lb. for white, and 11c for gray.

## THREE MORE AT NEW YORK

Three more fresh mackerel fares arrived at New York yesterday afternoon, schs. Rob Roy, Ralph L. Hall and Constellation as reported in yesterday's Times as being on their way to market, being the crafts to bring in fish.

Sch. Rob Roy had 15,000 fish, all mixed. It is Capt. Manuel Firth's third fare landed this season.

Sch. Constellation, Capt. Charles Maguire, had 9000 fish and sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank Hall, 10,000 mixed, mostly medium.

Fresh mackerel sold at New York at 30 and 32 cents each for large, 12 cents for medium and 5 cents for tinkers.

## CAPT. "GUS" HALL IS DOING WELL

Sch. Rex, Capt. A. G. Hall, which arrived at Portland yesterday from fresh halibut trip had a fine fare of 26,000 pounds clear of heads from which was realized the fine stock of \$3200. The crew shared \$75 each clear.

This is the second trip Capt. Hall has made since he started in the spring and he has been most fortunate in making a good voyage each time.

### NEWFOUNDLAND SEAL CATCH.

The Total Catch of the Fleet Will Be About 240,000.

The calamitous sealing voyage of the Newfoundland fleet of 1914, which will become traditional by reason of the two terrible disasters, which involved the lives of 250 men, is drawing to a close. Only three steamers—the Neptune, Diana and Kite—are still out and these will likely put in an appearance within the next week. The Neptune will "close the gates" in the Gulf while either the Diana or Kite will bring back the key from the front. Thus far there are 222,000 seals brought in, including the 5900 landed by the Halifax steamer Seal. This total in addition to an estimate of 12,000 for the Neptune and assuming that the Diana and Kite will have 6000 between them, would make an aggregate of 240,000, as already mentioned.

### Yarmouth Fishing News.

The sch. Myrtle L. arrived from the grounds Wednesday with 12,000 pounds shack, which was sold to the Consumers Fish Company. The same company also secured the fare of the Curlew—2000 pounds halibut and 7000 cod and shack.

A new semi-weekly service, between the province and the United States started this week when the Atlantic left Clark's Harbor for Rockland, Me. This steamer will leave Clark's Harbor every Monday and Thursday for the Maine port, and will call at Sea Island and several other points. Ralph Dodge, who is well known in Yarmouth is the Rockland agent.

The Gateway Fish Company have completed a deal by which they have acquired the plant and charter rights of the Westport Packing Company, Limited. This company was fully equipped for the packing and shredding of boneless fish. All the plant will be moved to Yarmouth and a meeting of the Gateway directors will be held this week to arrange for its transportation here. Sch. Eddie James arrived with 13,000 shack and 5000 halibut. The fare was purchased by Henry Amiro. The haul was shipped to Boston.

### New Keel for the Roosevelt.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt of this port which went ashore last winter at Centerville, Digby Co., and was sold by the underwriters, has been sufficiently raised to receive a new keel and other repairs.

### Wallace Parsons Will Go Seining.

Capt. Wallace Parsons will change from halibuting and fit sch. Corona for seining immediately.

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# TRIBUNAL HAS AWARDED \$9000 TO CAPT. MORRIS

**Famous and Long Standing Case of Seizure of Sch. Frederick Gerring Jr. By Canadian Authorities for Violation of the Fisheries Regulations in 1896 While Mackerel Seining on the Cape Shore, Is at Last Ended—Case One of International Importance, Engaged Attention of Many Notable Men.**

The American and British Claims Arbitration Tribunal sitting at Washington have made an award in the famous case of the fishing sch. Frederick Gerring, Jr., of this port which was seized and confiscated by the Canadian government in 1898, to the amount of \$9000, covering the value of the craft, her catch and equipment at the time of her seizure and interest less the expenses of prosecution and nominal fine. The announcement of the award was made yesterday and the news that the court had decided in Capt. Morris' favor was received by the Times last evening in a message from Congressman Gardner.

The action of the court settles the case which has been hanging fire the last 16 years and has attracted widespread attention during that time.

## Award of \$9000 Covers All.

A dispatch from Congressman Gardner to the Times this noon makes the situation clear. The award of \$9000 is the lump sum to cover the entire claim. At the time of the original offer of settlement, the claim amounted to \$7500 all told. From this was to be deducted the cost of prosecution, leaving net about \$6000. In view of the long time which has elapsed since seizure, the sum was fixed at \$9000 without specifying any especial amount to be reckoned for damage, loss or interest. Everything was lumped together and \$9000 awarded to cover the whole business.

The Gerring, owned by Capt. Morris and commanded by Capt. Daniel Doran, was seized and confiscated by the Canadian government. The craft seined a school of mackerel close to the three mile limit off the Nova Scotia coast. Before the entire catch could be bailed on deck, the Gerring it is alleged, drifted inside the three mile limit. The case was in the courts for a long time and finally by a vote of 3 to 2, the Supreme court of Canada decided against Capt. Morris.

The state department at Washington took up the matter and a settlement was agreed upon between Canada and the United States, upon a return of the vessel to Capt. Morris on payment of costs of prosecution. Owing to the deterioration of the Gerring and of her equipment and owing to the loss of her valuable catch, this settlement was never carried out and the Gerring was converted by the Canadian government into a lightship. She is still employed in that capacity in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

## Court Does Not Pass on Merits of Seizure.

In the award, the court does not pass upon the merits of the question at all. The award is based simply upon the Canadian settlement which was never carried out. Of course the return of the Gerring to Capt. Morris is now out of question, but he will receive in lieu thereof, \$9000 this amount covering the value of the vessel and interest less the expenses of prosecution and a nominal fine.

The suggestion for this friendly and mutually agreeable arrangement was made by Monsieur Henri Frommegot, the umpire of the American and British Claims Arbitration Tribunal. It is in line with the original suggestion

made by Canada, although not ratified by the United States government for the reasons above given. During the testimony this fact was brought out and upon recommendation of the Monsieur the present settlement was effected. The other members of the tribunal concurring in it and it was accepted by the agents for Canada and the United States after consultation with the British ambassador and Senator Lodge and Congressman Gardner.

## Case Long in Public Eye.

The Gerring case was originally taken up by Senator Lodge and Justice Moody, then Congressman Gardner has been a tireless worker in the case and some years ago presented a statement of the case for presentation to Great Britain by Secretary of State Hay and again by Secretary Root. It was at Congressman Gardner's suggestion that it was finally brought before the tribunal.

The other members of the tribunal who sat on the Gerring case are Sir Charles Fitzpatrick and Hon. Chandler P. Anderson. The agent for Canada is Hon. E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of Justice of Canada.

The agent for the United States is Hon. J. Reuben Clark. While much of the credit of what has been accomplished is due Congressman Gardner, there was another faithful worker in Capt. Morris' behalf, Frederick H. Tarr, the local attorney, who looked after the details and assisted the United States agent.

## Regarded as Victory for Capt. Morris.

Generally speaking, the verdict is regarded here as a victory for Capt. Morris. This seems to be the general feeling although few cared to talk for publication this morning. Capt. Morris, it is understood, receives \$9000 after years of patient waiting, during which many influential persons have interceded on his behalf.

## Ice and Bait Reports.

Amherst Harbor, April 30.—No ice in sight south of island, Grandentry report some herring in nets, Pleasant Bay from Sandy Hook to Havre-Au-Basque still frozen, no traps set, no bait.

Queensport, April 30.—Rough weather, no nets hauled today, no ice.

Souris, April 30.—Northerly winds continue, North Coast heavy ice, eastern coast clear, no herring.

# SAVE CREW AS BANKER SINKS

Twenty-six men, the crew of the French fishing sch. Jean d'Arc of St. Malo, were saved from drowning when their craft was sunk in a collision with the brigantine Galantry, 30 miles off Sydney, C. B., Wednesday night. The survivors were brought on the Galantry today.

The rescue of the men was effected with great difficulty, as the Jean d'Arc sank almost immediately after the collision.

## Old Fisheries Terms Revived.

**Crafts Taking Licenses Must Now Specify "Cod" or "Mackerel" Coasting Trade" Papers for Vessels Engaging in Other Branches.**

On a request from the Collector of Customs at New York the Commissioner of Navigation has made a ruling regarding the marine documents that are granted to American vessels. The matter is governed by very old statutes which provide for the granting of a license for the cod-fishery for vessels engaged in catching such fish; for a mackerel license for vessels engaged in catching mackerel; and which statutes also provide that a vessel licensed for the "mackerel fishery" which catches other kinds of fish, shall not be forfeited.

While domestic fishing or coasting may be carried on under a register, American vessels have the additional privileges under the enrolment and license which latter forms of documents were created to encourage American shipping.

In recent years by general practice the terms "codfishery," "mackerel fishery" and "whale fishery" have become "fisheries." The ruling by the Commissioner of Navigation, based on the statutes, has caused a revival of the terms of the law and customs officials have been instructed to issue licenses in accordance therewith.

Gloucester vessels must therefore be licensed for the "codfishery," "mackerel fishery," or "coasting trade" which last form would include fishing vessels engaged in other branches of the fisheries than "cod fishery" and "mackerel fishery," or if engaged in the fisheries, not covered by the last two mentioned terms and within waters other than American or the high seas a register should issue.

While the statutes provide that a vessel licensed for the "mackerel fishery" which catches other kinds of fish shall not be forfeited, they do not grant additional privileges to vessels engaged in the "cod fishery." Owners should, therefore, be careful to state the employment of vessels when taking out marine documents, to prevent fines and possible forfeiture.

Herring, menhaden and lobster vessels, also oyster dredges, while in domestic waters, will carry a license for the coasting trade. Herring vessels which takes cargoes in waters governed by treaty rights or by grant of foreign power will carry a register.

## Pigeon Cove Arrivals.

Sch. Nautilus landed about 2000 pounds fresh fish at Pigeon Cove, Saturday. All the other boats made only small catches.

Yesterday Capt. Edward Saunders' boat, the North Star, landed 1100 pounds and the Margaret 800 pounds. The catch of the rest of the fleet was small.